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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: CAP AGREES TO DEFENSE AND US/EURO-  
PEAN AGENDA ITEMS, INCLUDING NATO'S SOUTHERN FLANK.  
THEY PROPOSE AS THIRD ITEM, "RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED  
AND UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES." THEY ARE WILLING TO HAVE  
LOWENSTEIN PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING TALKS. IN LIGHT OF  
SCHEDULING DEVELOPMENTS, RECOMMEND THAT LORD MEET WITH  
DCM STONE APRIL 14 AT 1430. END SUMMARY.

2. WE PASSED APPROPRIATE ELEMENTS OF REFTEL TO CAP LAST  
WEEK FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AND RESPONSE. DE MONTBRIAL  
HAS REVIEWED PROPOSALS IN REFTEL AND HAS FOLLOWING  
COMMENTS.

3. AGENDA: CAP AGREES TO "EUROPEAN DEFENSE" AS FIRST  
AGENDA ITEM. FRENCH WOULD PREFER TO SEE THAT ITEM  
ENTITLED, "PROBLEMS OF SECURITY IN EUROPE," UNDER WHICH  
THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS EUROPEAN SECURITY IN  
BROAD SENSE, INCLUDING POLITICAL INSTABILITY ALONG NATO'S  
SOUTHERN FLANK FROM PORTUGAL TO TURKEY.

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FOR SECOND AGENDA ITEM, CAP AGREES TO "EUROPEAN CONSTRUC-

TION AND TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS," UNDER WHICH THEY WOULD INTEND TO PUT SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

FRENCH ARE PREPARED TO DROP "ENERGY" AS THIRD AGENDA ITEM. THEY WOULD PREFER, HOWEVER, TO DISCUSS THE SOUTHERN FLANK UNDER AGENDA ITEM 1 (ABOVE) RATHER THAN AS SEPARATE ITEM. THEY PROPOSE THAT "RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES" BE THIRD AGENDA ITEM. UNDER THIS HEADING THEY WOULD INTEND TO DISCUSS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF WHAT THEY SEE AS A GROWING SEPARATION BETWEEN THE MORE DEVELOPED NORTHERN HEMISPHERE AND THE LESS DEVELOPED SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE, INCLUDING THE RISE OF NEW CENTERS OF POWER AMONG UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND THE MORE COMPLEX INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH. CAP STRESSED THAT THRUST OF THIS AGENDA ITEM WOULD BE MORE POLITICAL THAN ECONOMIC AND THAT IT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT DESIGNED AS A FIG LEAF FOR DISCUSSION OF ENERGY.

4. PARTICIPATION: CAP TELLS US THAT FRENCH SIDE WILL BE REPRESENTED DURING PLANNING TALKS BY CAP MEMBERS ONLY. DE MONTBRIAL ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF U.S. SIDE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY JAMES LOWENSTEIN JOIN S/P PARTICIPANTS FOR THESE TALKS, CAP WOULD NOT OBJECT AS LONG AS LOWENSTEIN WOULD PARTICIPATE IN INDIVIDUAL AND INFORMAL CAPACITY (RATHER THAN FORMALLY AS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY) AND AS LONG AS HIS PARTICIPATION WOULD NOT BE MENTIONED IN ANY DOCUMENTS.

5. BECAUSE OF RECENT CHANGE IN AMBASSADOR RUSH'S SCHEDULE HE WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY ON APRIL 14. THEREFORE, SUGGEST THAT LORD MEET WITH DCM STONE IN PLACE OF MEETING EARLIER PLANNED WITH AMBASSADOR. IN LIGHT OF APAG SCHEDULE IN USNATO 1627, SUGGEST THAT MEETING BE AT 1430 RATHER THAN 1530, TO ALLOW FOR 1615 DEPARTURE BY BUS FOR SURVILLIERS. PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING ARRIVAL TIME, ETC., OF S/P-APAG GROUP IN PARIS.

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6. COMMENT: IN REACTION TO OUR PRESENTATION ALONG LINES OF PARA 2 REFTEL -- PARTICULARLY OUR DESIRE TO AVOID ENERGY DISCUSSION -- CAP SUSPECTED WE WERE ATTEMPTING TO LIMIT DISCUSSION TO PURELY EUROPEAN SUBJECTS, TREATING FRENCH AS "REGIONAL" POWER, BUT NOT BEING WILLING TO ENGAGE CAP IN DISCUSSION OF ISSUES GOING BEYOND EUROPEAN "REGION". WE WERE NOT ABLE TO COMPLETELY ERASE THIS SUSPICION. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND OF FRENCH "MAJOR

POWER" SENSITIVITY, CAP PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM 3 ON

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RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND UNDERDEVELOPED WORLDS, PARTLY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT FRENCH INTERESTS TRANSCEND BORDERS OF EUROPE, AND PARTLY BECAUSE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL -- AND CAP IN PARTICULAR -- ARE SEIZED WITH THIS SUBJECT. BASED ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US HERE, WE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO SAY THAT LORD ACCEPTS AGENDA ITEMS AS PROPOSED BY FRENCH. HOWEVER, SHOULD THIRD FRENCH PROPOSAL BE UNACCEPTABLE, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO CAP WITH COUNTER-PROPOSAL THAT WOULD HAVE A "GLOBAL" CONTENT, FOR EXAMPLE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. RE POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF LOWENSTEIN, CAP IS CONCERNED THAT PARTICIPATION OF NON-PLANNER LIKE LOWENSTEIN WOULD OPEN FLOOD GATES AT QUAI TO PARTICIPATION ON FRENCH SIDE BY FONOFF NON-PLANNERS IN FUTURE CAP BILATERALS. INTRICATE FORMULA DESCRIBED IN PARA 4 ABOVE IS SIMPLY DESIGNED TO PROTECT CAP FROM THIS SORT OF DEVELOPMENT. LOWENSTEIN IS WELL KNOWN TO CAP STAFFERS AND WE BELIEVE THAT -- FROM SUBSTANTIVE POINT OF VIEW -- CAP WOULD BE DELIGHTED WITH LOWENSTEIN'S PARTICIPATION SHOULD HE CHOOSE TO DO SO.

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